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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is herewith filed in conjunction with the filing of a National Stage U.S. Patent Application which claims priority from European Patent Application No.: 99101806.0, filed 28 January 1999, and International Application PCT/IB00/00032, filed 12 January 2000 and published 03 August 2000 as PCT International Publication No.: WO 00/45016.

Please amend the International Application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An access control system with a plurality of locks and keys, at least part of said locks and keys having memory means, [characterized by] said access control system comprising:

[•] said memory means of a key being equipped to receive and store information concerning any access rights of said key and information designated for other keys and[/or] locks[.];